Country	Motor Siprit (Rs. per Litre)
Bangla Desh	6·03
Afghanistan (Kabul)	3·32
China (Bejing)	—
Srilanka	6·16
India (Delhi) (Current)	7·43
Developed countries/Industrialised countries	
Japan	8·71
France	7·58
USA	3·84
Yugoslavia	5·40

Consumer/Retail Prices of Petroleum Products in Selected developed and developing countries during January—March

Country	Motor Spirit Rs. per Litre
I. *Developed/Industrialised Countries*	
1. USA	2·90
2. Canada	3·89
3. W. Jermany	5·74
4. Switzerland	5·76
5. Yugoslavia	8·08
6. U.K.	5·97
7. France	4·75
8. Japan	7·18
9. Australia	4·56
10. Newzealand	4·97
II. *Developing countries*	
1. Argentina	6·47
2. Brazil	5·82
3. Tanzania	10·10
4. Bangla Desh	8·01
5. Srilanka	6·40
6. India	7 01
7. Pakistan	5·39
8. Afghanistan	3·37
9. Philippines	5·77
10. Thailand	5·49
11. Korea	9·11
12. Malaysia	5·33

Karnal Refinery

1407. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Soviet Union have offered both technical and financial cooperation to private sector for setting up Karnal refinery; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) 'and (b) M/s. National Engineering Industries Ltd. in a proposal submitted to Government have stated that they have received an offer from M|s. NEFTECHIM-PROMEXPORT of USSR for cooperation in setting up the Karnal Refinery. The offer includes selection of standard units from USSR and technology for special units from international sources on competitive basis. The supplies are also backed. by a financing package for imports from the Soviet Union with repayment of instalments to be in rupees. The Russian company is also willing to consider subscribing to the equity of the Karnal Refinery *to* the extent of 15 per cent.

Setting up bottling plants

1408. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Petroleum Corporation propose to set up more bottling plants for LPG in different parts of the country shortly;

(b) if so, what are the details of the locations of such bottling plants; and

(c) by when the proposed bottling plants will be set up and expected to start functioning and to what extent the shortage of LPG in the country will be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. *(See* be low)

(c) These bottling plants are expected to be completed in a phased manner by 1988.

These bottling plants, together with those being put up by other oil marketing companies will help in meeting the require ments of existing and new customers.

Statement

Locations of LPG bottling plants to be set up by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

1. Uran (Maharashtra)
2. Asaoti/Pyala (Haryana)
3. Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh)
4. Sholapur (Maharashtra)
5. Jalgaon (Maharashtra)
6. Lalru Ambala (Haryana)
7. Trivandrum (Kerala)
8. Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu)
9. Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
10. Hissar (Haryana)
11. Khurda (Orissa)
12. Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh)

Setting up joint venture with International Oil Producers

1409. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether India has offered to collaborate and set up a Joint venture with Interantional Oil Producers, including the organisation of Arab Petroleum exporting countries, in various fields of hydrocarbon development; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) A joint Indo-OAPEC Seminar was recently held in New Delhi to discuss ateat of cooperation betweea South Asian and Arab countries in hydrocarbon industry. Possibility of setting up of joint ventures was one of the areas covered in the Seminar.

Laying, yf gas pipeline from Tripnra to West Bengal

1410. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to lay a gas pipeline from Tripuia to West Bengal and Bihar through Bangladesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Project;

(c) whether the Bangladesh Government has been consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Funds allotted for expansion of Bongaigaon Refinery

14X1. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA; SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds allotted for the expansion of Bongaigaon Refinery in Assam remained unutilised;